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Amendment

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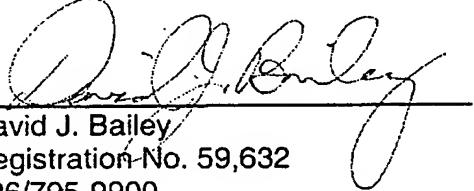
Previously, claim 7 was pending. Claims 9 - 16 have been added. Claims 9 - 16 are directed to a method of tuning a drum including at least one tension rod having a terminal end using a drum key. The drum key being used to tune the drum is significant in that it includes a shaft including at least a first opening designed to engage the terminal end of a tension rod and a handle that is connected to the shaft by a unidirectional bearing. The unidirectional bearing is significant in that it constrains the handle to rotate in a first direction of rotation relative to the shaft.

If Applicant's counsel can be of any assistance with respect to this matter, please do not hesitate to call them at the number listed below.

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